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### AGENDA

State Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

January 31, 2014

Great Falls Public Schools – District Offices, 1100 4<sup>th</sup> Street South

- 10:00 Welcome and Introductions – Superintendent of Public Instruction Denise Juneau
- Senator Edward Buttrely, sponsor of SB 203

- 10:15 Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children  
Report on Interstate Compact Commission meeting – November 2013
- Brigadier General (Retired) Hal Stearns, Montana Compact Commissioner

Review of SB 203 and role of the State Council

- Madalyn Quinlan, Chief of Staff, OPI

- 11:15 Identifying and tracking students of military families
- Madalyn Quinlan, Chief of Staff, OPI
  - Denise Bond, Analyst, Measurement and Accountability Division, OPI

*OPI will present its plans for school district reporting on military-connected students and its consultation with the US Department of Defense Education Activity office.*

- 12:00 Lunch will be brought in

- 1:00 Panel discussion - Perspectives of school staff and military families
- Tammy Lacey, Superintendent, Great Falls Public Schools
  - Teresa Sprague, Principal, Loy Elementary School
  - Cecilia San Nicolas, TROOPS Support Specialist
  - Brenda Lowry, Counselor, CM Russell High School
  - Michelle Schuler, Military parent
  - Brandon Brooking, Student from military family

*The panel will discuss challenges faced by military-connected students and their families in transitioning into new school systems. They will also discuss pro-active approaches to successful student transitions.*

- 2:15 Break

- 2:30 Model school district policy on Children of Military Families
- Barbara Ridgway, Helena Public Schools

- 3:00 Public comment

- 3:30 Next Steps – State Council discussion

- 4:00 Adjourn